

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 61

January 28, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an exception to the presumption of parentage if a man is physically separated from his wife in a way that prevents physical contact for more than 300 consecutive days immediately preceding the birth of the child, or if it is a medical impossibility the man could father the child.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-2-304(a)(1), a man is rebuttably presumed to be the father of a child if the child is born during the marriage or within 300 days after the marriage is terminated by death, annulment, declaration of invalidity, or divorce.
- This legislation would create an exception to the presumption of parentage for a man if he has had no physical contact with his wife for 300 days prior to the birth of the child or if the man is medically incapable of conceiving the child.
- No fiscal impact on the operations of the Department of Children's Services.
- Passage of this legislation will have no effect on policies or procedures of the Department of Human Services; therefore, any fiscal impact to DHS is not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation would not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing state and local resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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